



ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

A DIVERSE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY IN ACTION

MAY 24, 2020

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Ascension



"He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father."

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*
Rev. Camilo Lopez, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Charles B. McDermott, *Pastor Emeritus*
Deacon Michael Cavallo, *Permanent Deacon*
Mrs. Marilyn Dragone, *Coordinator of Religious Education*
Mr. Philip Matrale, *Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry*
Mr. Peter Petrecca, *Music Director*
Ms. Fran Engleman, *9:00 am Choirmaster*
Mr. Patrick B. Phillips, *12:00 Noon Choirmaster*
Mrs. Rebekah Scicolone, *Principal*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Saturday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Notify a priest of all who are hospitalized or home bound

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm
 Baptism preparation: 2nd Friday evening at 7:30 pm
 Call parish office to register (908-688-1232)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Contact a priest at the parish at least no less than eight months prior to booking your wedding date.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Adults wishing to join the Catholic Church or who are baptized but have not made their First Communion/Confirmation should please contact the parish office for full information and guidance.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD)

Grade 1-8 religious formation for First Penance and First Communion please call the Parish Religious Education office (908-964-0965).

YOUTH MINISTRY

A comprehensive youth program for all teens from 9th to 12th grade. Our program prepares teens for Confirmation, promotes growth in Catholic values and morals, provides opportunities for Christian service and offers positive social activities. For further information call the Youth Ministry Office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

All parishioners need to be registered. Please call the Parish Office for registration or information.

Mission Statement

St. Michael the Archangel Parish is dedicated to growing disciples, drawing people to Christ and making church and worship matter. We do this through our liturgical worship, the proclamation of the Good News, and living out our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

5:30 pm (Saturday Evening)
 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon

DAILY

Monday ▶ Friday:

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 8:30 am

Holy Days: Announced in the bulletin

Address

1212 Kelly Street, Union, New Jersey 07083

Telephones

Rectory/Parish Center: 908-688-1232
Rectory/Parish Center Fax: 908-810-1076
School: 908-688-1063
Religious Education Office: 908-964-0965
Youth Ministry Office: 908-686-3762
Email: stmichaelunion@comcast.net
Stay Connected:

- www.stmichaelunion.org
- [stmichaelparishunion](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelparishunion)
- [stmichaelunion](https://twitter.com/stmichaelunion)
- [stmichaelchurch](https://www.instagram.com/stmichaelchurch)

Devotions

EUCHARISTIC ADORATIONS

Every 1st Sunday and 1st Friday 6:30 pm

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 1st, 2nd and 4th 7:00 pm

BOLD AND CATHOLIC REFLECTION

3rd Saturdays 9:00 am

ADVENT REFLECTION

Every Saturday of Advent 9:00 am

LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Friday of Lent 7:00 pm
 Every Saturday of Lent 9:00 am

Wellness Ministry

Dance & Wellness Classes

Saturdays 9:30 am, Mondays 7:00 pm

Message From Our Pastor



My dear parishioners,

In the past week, the Archbishop released guidelines for the progressive reopening of the Churches in the Archdiocese of Newark. As I read through the document, a big sigh of relief came upon me. I was like, finally, we are on our way back; back to doing the things that gave meaning to life; back to praying, worshipping and celebrating together the gift of life, the gift of our faith, the gift of each other, the gift of the sacraments and the gift of communal worship. I stopped for a second and thanked God for this blessing that is on the way; when Daily Masses, Sunday Masses, and the celebration of the Sacraments will resume; when our new-born babies can be baptized again; when our children can receive First Holy Communion and our adolescences receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation; when our brothers and sisters who have found faith in our Catholic denomination can be received into our Christian fold; when we can again come before the Lord to be reconciled and then go forth to be nourished by His Body and Blood from His Holy Altar; when those who have found love can again sacramentalize their relationships, and those who have gone home to the Lord sent forth on their journey with the rite of full Christian burial. As I thought about all these, my heart was filled with joy, joyful hope—the evidence of things hoped for. To God be the glory!

According to the Archdiocese, the guidelines for the reopening of our Churches will happen in three phases. Here I would like to lay out some of the things that are required of us during phase one. Please know that these measures are put in place to help keep all of us safe from this wicked virus.

- ◆ Cardinal Tobin's dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days as well as from "Easter duty" (the obligation to receive Holy Communion during Easter season) is in force.
- ◆ Beginning Tuesday, May 19th, 2020, our Church will be open from 1pm – 3pm, Monday through Friday of each week, solely for personal prayers. No gatherings are permitted.
- ◆ **Confession** will resume on **Saturday May 23** from 1pm – 2pm. Both clergy and penitent are required to wear masks.
- ◆ Anyone who shows symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to an infected person, should please quarantine for 14 days before coming to Church.
- ◆ Every person is required to wear masks at all times while in Church.
- ◆ Individuals and family members must maintain 6-feet of physical distance from each person while in the church.
- ◆ Please sanitize your hands at the entrance doors before walking into the Church and as you leave the Church. We encourage you to stay only in the designated areas during your private prayers and do not go into the Sanctuary area. No more than 10 people can be in the Church at the same time. There will be a staff member in the church during these hours to ensure our compliance to these directives for the safety of all.

As we all know, these are very unusual times. Adapting to these measures may not be easy at the beginning, but with time, it will get better. When the dates for the implementation of phases two and three are announced, we will make that known to our parishioners along with all that will be required of us to do.

Please continue to pray for our parish, for our continued sustenance and growth, and that we may come out of this pandemic environment stronger than we were, before it. Remember, all things are possible for those who believe. My blessings are with you always!

Msgr. Anselm

Mass Intentions & Stewardship of Treasure

SATURDAY 8:30 am	May 23 Maria Ribeiro, Jennie Pruszkowski
SUNDAY 10:00 am	May 24 For the Parishioners, Antonio Baldassare, Thomas J. Duffy, Alejandro T. Cruz
MONDAY 12:00 Noon	May 25 Roger Boetsch
TUESDAY 12:00 Noon	May 26 Stephen & Rose Gostkowski, Winifred Smyth, Novena of Masses
WEDNESDAY 12:00 Noon	May 27 Shelby Joseph (Living) Maria Tavares, Maria Amador
THURSDAY 12:00 Noon	May 28 Aya Requierme, Chike Melie III Novena of Masses
FRIDAY 12:00 Noon	May 29 Gladys Bertrand (Living)-Thanksgiving Edna Gillick, Chelsea Joseph (Living)
SATURDAY 8:30 am	May 30 Manuel Fazendeiro, Genevieve Karwowski
SUNDAY 10:00 am	May 24 For the Parishioners, Lynn Rubino, Lucila Sousa Araugo, Johanna Smith (24th Ann.)

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread is offered in memory of Beverly Corona.
The Altar Wine is offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.
The Sanctuary Lamp is offered in memory of Thomas J. Duffy, requested by The Dragone Family.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"Give and gifts will be given to you ...the measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you." **Luke 6:38**

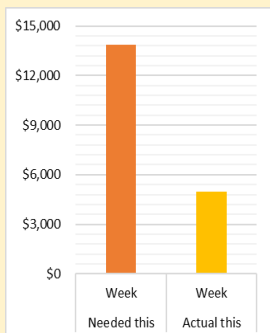
5/17/2020	Needed	Actual	Deficit
	This Week	This Week	This Week
Collection & SOS	\$14,530	\$6,834	(\$7,696)

In the present health emergency, with public celebrations of Mass suspended our weekly collections, of course, are interrupted. Please make every effort to maintain your Sunday offerings by using one of the following methods:

- **Mailing your envelopes** to the Parish Center Office.
- **Online Giving** Go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the Parish Giving button that will take you to the easy sign up form.
- **GoFundMe** The Archdiocese has established a site for contributions, to parishes, due to the current emergency. Go to our parish website (stmichaelunion.org) and click on the GoFundMe button that will take you to the St. Michael Union team page.

As you can see what we needed to cover the cost of our operations this week is \$14,530. What we actually received is \$6,834, so we are short **\$7,696**. Do please continue to support St. Michael's Parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Adorations, Devotions & Reflections

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH VIRTUAL GATEWAY TO PRAYER



SUNDAYS 10:00 AM
MASS

MONDAYS - FRIDAYS 12:00 NOON
DAILY MASS

TUESDAYS 7:00 - 8:00 PM
BIBLE CLASS

WEDNESDAYS 7:00 - 8:00 PM
MARIAN DEVOTION

SATURDAYS 8:30 AM
MORNING MASS

MORNING REFLECTION - 3RD SATURDAYS 9:00 - 10:00 AM

ADORATIONS

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - SACRED HEART 6:30 - 8:00 PM
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

JOIN US VIRTUALLY
<https://www.gotomeet.me/StMichaelChurch>
OR CALL IN
1 (312) 757-3121
Access Code 574-150-285

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



MINISTRY Information

CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY News

cyounion@aol.com



Make sure you test Positive for Faith.
Keep distant from Doubt,
and isolate from Fear.
Trust God Through it all! Amen!

Our CYO/Youth Ministry members continue to keep our Parish, Family and Friends in or prayers!

L.O.C.K.D.O.W.N. is a time to:

- L-isten** to God's voice and reflect. Let go and let God.
- O-bey** His Word and His teachings.
- C-all** on Jesus name and be calm.
- K-now** what is the purpose of all this.
- D-well** in His presence. Do not panic.
- O-ffer** a prayer for everyone's safety.
- W-ait** and be patient.
- N-urture** our personal relationship with Him.

RICE BOWL

Rice Bowls can be sent to the Parish Center. Those monies are given to missions that help people throughout the world.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:2-3,6-9

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

MINISTRY Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

The **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE** is currently closed. Email and telephone messages are checked daily. You can contact us by phone (908) 964-0965 or by email at smccd@comcast.net if you would like to leave a message.

PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:

Please make sure your child continues to work in the religious education book. We strongly encourage you to help your child with their faith formation. Review the book with them. Reciting the Our Father and Hail Mary while washing their hands is one easy way of helping them remember their prayers!

PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:

We now have guidelines regarding the gradual reopening of churches. Once First Reconciliation dates and Communion Masses have been decided, you will be notified.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to Mike Eger who has worked tirelessly to keep serving the community by delivering food from the food pantry to seniors and those in need during the pandemic. Your service is greatly appreciated.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Michael's Church offers a variety of musical styles at the following masses:

Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday, 10:30 am

Traditional and Contemporary Music

Sunday, 9:00 am and 12 noon

Gospel/Contemporary Worship Music



The 12:00 Noon Contemporary Band and Choir is looking for volunteers who can play the bass, guitar or sing.

Contact: Patrick B. Phillips at patrickphillips96@gmail.com

MINISTRY Information

HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS) MINISTRY

We are in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers. Please call **Tania Massicot** at (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed. All items must be **NEW**.

Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on our website at www.stmichaelunion.org (Click on the Parish Giving Icon).

"Drop Box"

The **New** Drop Box for the Hands of Grace Ministry is located at the Back Entrance of the Parish Center (**Red Door**).

Please call the Parish Center at (908) 688-1232 or the Ministry Chair, **Bisi Longe** at (908) 247-4461 if you have any questions.



ST. MICHAEL'S SENIOR NEWS

All meetings are postponed until further notice. Please stay safe.



"To Teach, To Guide, To Guard"

St. Michael School is a community of faith within the vibrant and diverse Saint Michael Parish. Our ministry of the Word is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ - a message of hope. Each child is seen as a whole person on a developmental progression with individual differences, but with basically similar learning needs: spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical. Our goal is to educate every child who enters our doors.

Registration is open for St. Michael School, where students come to learn in a faith-filled environment with a strong academic base. St. Michael's offers classes from prek- 8th grade. We have a full day prek-3, prek-4, and kindergarten. Morning and Aftercare until 6:00pm is available as well. If you are interested in enrolling your child at St. Michael School, please email Mrs. Scicolone at rscolone@smsunion.org.

Come tour and explore our amazing school!

NOVENA of Masses

MAY 2020

Alejandro T. Cruz	Louis Sauro
Jurusik & Arner Families	John & Augusta Mahon
Jose J. Arnaldo	Ann L. Corrigan
Craig Calix (Living)	Serafina Sauro
Mary & Idolo Russomanno	Rosemary Sauro
Pierre & Rubinetti Families	Frank Rubinetti, Sr.
Roger Boetsch	James Ford, Sr.
Donna (Pruszkowski) Hornig	George Rinehart
Special Intentions	
St. Rita Special Intentions	
Protection & Special Intentions	
Our Lady of Fatima Special Intentions	
Living & Decembers of the Santoriello Family	
George Sr, Ruth & Barbara Rinehart	
Lucila Sousa Araujo & Manuel Pereira Araujo	
Living & Deceased Members of the Santoriello Family	
Living & Deceased Members of the Czapla, Leniart & McMahon Families	
Patsy J. Scalgione & Deceased Family Members	
Special Intentions for the Nwoshu & Odoemene Families	
Living & Deceased Members of the Araujo, Pais & Cadenas Families	
All Souls in Purgatory	
Living & Deceased Members of the Pruszkowski, Endler, Hornig & Macecsko Families	
In Thanks for God's Blessings on the USA	
For God's Assistance with CONVID 19	

PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR,

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Fr. Lawrence Murphy, Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Rakoczy Family, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Brian Phillips, Lucille Arnaldo, Barbara Lombardi, Manuel Crudo, Josephine Steinberg, Julia Astsalk, Frances Machado, Flossie Abrigo, Roselle Roux, Amanda D'Amato, Richard Abrigo, Jean Claude, Claubette Kallabeen, Carol Czapla, Stephen Czapla, Clarence Roberts, Thomasina Rodriguez, Harry Vendemia, Iluminda Duyan, Ruth Guido, Henry Cababe, Joseph Guid, Salve Ching, Maria Santiago, Dr. Vic Tan, Sam Vincent Milana, Beth Barto, Linda Atwell, Targelia Penafiel, Herlinda Castillo Anthony Reo, Gregory Ward, Marie Mate, David Randolph, Fr. Roy Regaspi, Junia Perez & Virginia Hernandez.

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers our parish, friends and family members who have passed on to the Lord, that they may inherit the promise of everlasting life in heaven.

For this week, we especially remember **members of St. Michael's Parish.**

Announcements

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions, Novena of Masses, Candle Offerings to the Saints in Church, Altar Offerings (Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp) and St. Vincent de Paul Donations can be done online through Parish Giving.

Please go to our website www.stmichaelunion.org

or

You can also drop off your requests at the Parish Center. Please put your name and telephone number so we can get in touch with you if we have any questions.

VIRTUAL MASS IN MEMORY OF PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE ANDEMIC PERIOD

TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

Please email—stmichaelunion@comcast.net

The names of your love ones, relatives and friends who has passed away during the pandemic period of our lock down.

We will be having a Virtual Memorial Mass on **First Friday, June 5, 2020** at 6:30 PM to honor them.

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PHASE 1—WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

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Announcements

PRAYER AGAINST COVID-19

Heavenly Father, we know that we can do nothing without You, and that with You all things are possible. As we thank You and give You praise and worship, we also come to You in desperate need of Your power and healing grace. At this very moment, we acknowledge that we are weak, fearful and intimidated by COVID-19. Yes, even as we believe that You have absolute power over this virus, our flesh is still afraid and our spirit weak. Fill us therefore with Your courage, hope, peace, and joy in this moment of fear and desperation. David, your servant, testified, "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." Your Word also tells us that, You, Oh God, are close to the brokenhearted; that You save those who are crushed in spirit, and rescue them from all their distress.

Father Almighty, we are highly distressed right now, fearful and in despair and, just like David, we seek your face and implore You to heal our land; to forbid this hand of death and devastation. Come to our aid, forgive our sins, and send forth the rain of deliverance upon the earth, and shower humanity with your healing grace. Protect all healthcare workers as they take care of the sick, strengthen and heal those who have become afflicted and comfort those who have lost loved ones to this virus. Provide wisdom and guidance to scientists and researchers to find a cure for this pandemic, so that this virus may be eradicated faster than it started. Show forth your saving grace, so that every knee may bow and every tongue may confess that it was nothing short of Your power that delivered us from this mayhem. Father, please save your people; answer this prayer and restore unto us the joy of our salvation. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ your Son, Amen.

